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Vries, are reprints of recent papers originally published in the *Botanical Gazette*. In the last named paper the author calls attention to the fact that in making certain crosses of evening primroses two types of hybrids result from the same parents.

In the *Columbia University Quarterly* for December, 1907, N. L. Britton contributes an appreciative sketch of the life and work of the lamented Professor Doctor Lucien M. Underwood. A fine photograph accompanies the paper.

CHARLES E. BESSEY

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF OVIEDO

THE rector of the University of Oviedo in Spain has notified universities, colleges and schools, and the learned world generally, of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the opening of that university which will take place in September next under the auspices of King Alfonso and the Prince of the Asturias, and he invites the professors of universities and others interested to attend the ceremonies of the occasion which will occupy ten days, from the twentieth to the thirtieth of the month. The documents accompanying the invitation consist of a list of subjects of the orations to be delivered and a program of the exercises arranged for the occasion. These include the ceremony of the unveiling of the statue of the founder, Fernando Valdés y Salas, Archbishop of Seville, which will be performed with religious solemnities; excursions to celebrated places in the neighborhood; a pedagogical exhibition with school festivals; lectures and sessions of various societies; distribution of prizes; theatrical performances, etc. It is interesting to note that the university authorities express a special desire that Spanish Americans should visit Oviedo on this occasion, not only because of their community of blood and language, but also because the sons of the Asturias have left such deep impressions of their lives and deeds in the Spanish countries of the new world.

The invitation to the other university authorities (which is in Latin) concludes as follows: "It is difficult for us to say how pleasant a duty it is to invite you to our

celebration. The founders of your university, as of ours, may be likened to Saviours sent from Heaven to redeem the uncivilized nations of the earth, whose education, inaugurated by them, is entrusted to us to-day, to-morrow it will be carried on by others, and so on, continuously, until that last and highest stage of development shall have been reached when man shall be enabled by this means to become more God-like in his nature. Since this result concerns you no less than us at this university, I feel that I can approach you with full confidence, urging that your university may be represented in some way at our festival, and if a person should come in your name let him be assured that he will receive the warm welcome of a friend and comrade."

#### SUMMER MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

AT the convocation of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago, the council decided to have the summer meeting held at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., during the week beginning June 29. Subsequently to this action, the Dartmouth Scientific Association in Hanover appointed the following committee of arrangements, the several members of which are expected to act in the interest of the respective sections of the association as indicated below.

Section A, Mathematics and Astronomy, J. M. Poor.

Section B, Physics, Professor G. F. Hull.

Section C, Chemistry, Professor C. E. Bolser.

Section D, Mechanical Science and Engineering, Professor R. Fletcher (chairman).

Section E, Geology and Geography, Professor C. H. Hitchcock.

Section F, Zoology, Professor W. Patten.

Section G, Botany, Professor R. G. Lyman.

Section H, Anthropology, Professor D. E. Wells; Psychology, Professor H. H. Horne.

Section I, Social and Economic Science, Professor D. E. Wells.

Section K, Physiology and Experimental Medicine, Professor C. C. Stuart.

Section L, Education, Professor H. H. Horne.

This committee desires the cooperation of

the secretaries of the respective sections and suggests that each secretary of a section correspond with the member of the committee named above in connection with his section. The first point is to learn whether the section will hold a summer meeting at Hanover. If that is decided in the affirmative, the section representative will be pleased to correspond as to the arrangements. Address at Hanover, N. H.

The chairman of the committee announces that an invitation has been received from the president of the Blue Mountain Forest Association, Mr. Austin Corbin, for members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to visit the Blue Mountain Forest, otherwise known as the Corbin Blue Mountain Park or Preserve covering about 40,000 acres, where the celebrated herds of buffalo, deer, mountain goats, boars, etc., may be seen. The western entrance to this reservation is about sixteen miles from Hanover, and it may be feasible to arrange for such a visit with a party not too large. Whether this is expedient or not will depend somewhat on the advices received as to how many may wish to make this trip.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. J. J. THOMSON, Cavendish professor of experimental physics, at Cambridge, will preside at the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to be held in Winnipeg next year.

THE Turin Academy of Science has conferred the Bressa prize of about \$2,000 on Dr. Ernest Rutherford, professor of physics at Victoria University, Manchester.

PRESIDENT ELIOT, of Harvard University, has been appointed Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel. President Eliot celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday on March 20.

MR. THOMAS A. EDISON has so far recovered from the recent operation for mastoiditis and aural abscesses that he has been able to go to his Florida place at Fort Myers.

PROFESSOR S. E. CHAILLÉ, professor of physiology and comparative anatomy and dean of

the medical department of Tulane University, has been awarded a retiring pension by the Carnegie foundation. Professor Chaillé was born in 1830 and graduated from Harvard University in 1851.

PROFESSOR S. A. LATTIMORE, head of the department of chemistry at the University of Rochester, will retire in June, after forty years of service as professor of chemistry in that institution, and having reached the age of eighty years.

MR. F. B. WEEKS, who has been connected with the U. S. Geological Survey for the past eighteen years, has recently resigned. His address for two or three months while completing certain reports for the survey will be 1201 Euclid Street, Washington, D. C.

PROFESSOR A. SCHUBERG, of Heidelberg, has been made head of the department of protozoa investigation in the Royal Bureau of Health at Berlin.

ANDREW L. WINTON, for many years chemist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, has been appointed chief of the food and drug laboratory of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the city of Chicago.

AT the termination of the course on national forests the senior class of the Forest School of Yale University presented Mr. William B. Greeley with a loving cup. Mr. Greeley will leave New Haven soon and resume his work at Hot Springs, Cal., as supervisor of the South Sierra National Forest.

AT the University of Kansas the board of regents has granted leave of absence to Professor C. H. Ashton, of the department of mathematics and to Professor E. F. Stimpson, of the department of physics. Professor Ashton will spend sixteen months in Europe at the University of Munich; Professor Stimpson will study at some eastern university for a year.

DR. F. M. ANDREWS, associate professor of botany at Indiana University, has received the research table of the Smithsonian Institution at the Naples Zoological Station for the months of April and May.

AT the recent meeting of the faculty of arts and sciences of Harvard University the fol-